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SUBJECT: D'ALEMA WILL PRESS BELGRADE NOT TO BLOCK SERB
PARTICIPATION IN KOSOVO ELECTIONS

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Classified By: Classified by Jonathan R. Cohen, Acting Political Minister Counselor, for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

¶1. (C) On October 22, Poloff spoke with Raimondo De Cardona, Director of the MFA Balkans Office, to deliver reftel points.

De Cardona noted that FM D'Alema would travel to Belgrade on October 23 to press Serbian leaders to use the period before December 10 constructively to either find a mutually acceptable solution for Kosovo's status or narrow points of differences between the two sides. He will also encourage Serbian leaders to move closer to the EU, but remind them of their need to fulfill international obligations to the ICTY.

D'Alema will not speculate publicly or privately on what the international community will do after December 10.

¶2. (C) De Cardona agreed with reftel points and said D'Alema planned to encourage Serb participation in Kosovo's November 17 elections. D'Alema would also caution Belgrade's leadership against holding alternate or parallel elections.
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